

FW: Morning Flags - January 30th 2022

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Good morning Minister,

Here are the issues we're tracking this morning. We received no questions on the morning call.

1. Convoy

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/truck-convoy-protests-sunday-1.6332893>

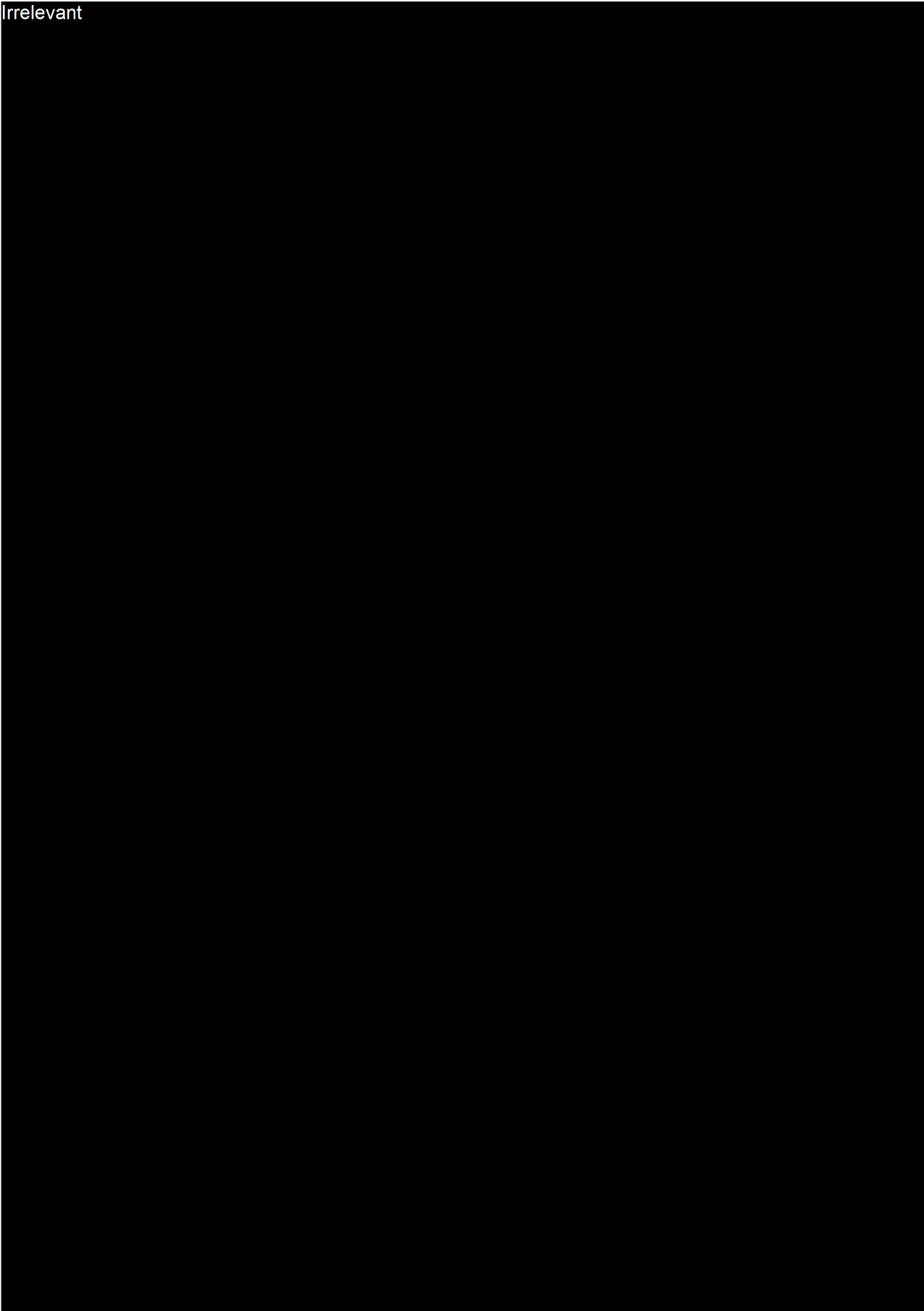
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- With Parliament set to resume today at 11AM, demonstrators have indicated their intent to remain in Ottawa for the foreseeable future.
- During a press conference yesterday, organizers of the GoFundMe stated they planned to use the \$8M raised thus far to pay for food, lodgings, and other essentials for demonstrators for as long as it takes until the mandates are retracted.
- In a Sunday night news release, Ottawa police acknowledged that so far they have avoided ticketing and towing vehicles so as not to "instigate confrontations with demonstrators."
- Ottawa residents have been getting more vocal about expressing their frustration with the ongoing disruption and noise. Mayor Watson told media Sunday that "it's time to have a serious discussion about moving these people on".
- A number of Conservative MPs posted on social media about attending the protests. While MP Michael Cooper was giving an interview on the Hill, someone walked behind him carrying a flag with a swastika on it.
- From his publicly released itinerary, the PM is expected to participate in House proceedings virtually today.

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- All Canadians have a right to free and peaceful assembly under the Charter – at the same time, hateful symbols and rhetoric have no place on Parliament Hill or anywhere in Canada.
- In addition to the presence of hateful imagery, we saw reprehensible incidents occur over the weekend at the National War Memorial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Shepherds of Good Hope shelter.
- We condemn this behaviour in the strongest terms, and thank law enforcement for their ongoing efforts to ensure public safety and order.
- As these protests continue, we are closely monitoring the impact that these disruptions are having on nearby neighbourhoods and will continue to provide support to public safety officials managing this event.

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